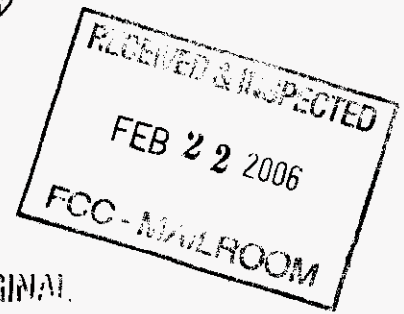


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FCC,  
Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin,

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose the Federal Communications Commission's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund (USF).

You are proposing a change in the USF collection methodology from a "pay-for what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me—and for millions of LOW-VOLUME, LOW INCOME, LONG-DISTANCE USERS IN THE U.S.A. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from HIGH VOLUME users – like big businesses – (the fat cats) and placing the weight on low-volume users – students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers is extremely unfair. Once again, Government is burdening the lower income classes to fund the elite.

I urge you to rethink your flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Kuta", written over a horizontal line.

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